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Attn: Mr. Rex Rowley

Subject: Continental Lime's Iron Basin Operation

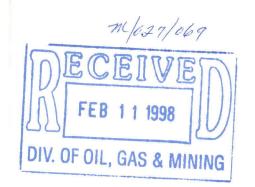
Dear Mr. Rowley,

As we discussed during our meeting in your office on January 6, 1998, Continental Lime Inc. (CLI) is preparing a proposal to open a new high-grade limestone operation on the eastern flank of the southern Cricket Mountains. The new Iron Basin operation will be operated entirely independently from CLI's existing Poison Mountain operation, which is located several miles to the northeast. As we agreed during our recent meeting in Fillmore, CLI will be proposing to operate the Iron Basin site under an new 3809 approval rather than amend the Poison Mountain Plan of Operations because of the distance and functional separation from the existing operation.

Access to the Iron Basin will be via a private road maintained by CLI. This road may be along a new alignment or it might follow the existing alignment. Construction of a new road or improvements to the existing road, and construction of a new road segment to connect Iron Basin to CLI's processing operation at Bloom Siding will be permitted as a FLPMA ROW in CLI's name. The existing UP&L power ROW (UTU44368) will require a modification to include construction of a 12KV power line extension from the existing power line to Iron Basin.

During 1997, CLI began collection of baseline data including raptor, wildlife, vegetation, special species, cultural and soils surveys in the Iron Basin area. These surveys will be amended as necessary to include any proposed disturbance related to the road/power line ROW. The required NEPA document can be prepared utilizing these studies along with information contained in the 1997 EA for the Poison Mountain operation.

As you are aware, we have arranged for a coordination meeting with UDOGM and Mr. Ron Testner of BLM for February 24, 1998. This meeting will be held in UDOGM's office in Salt Lake beginning at



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11:00 a.m. MST. If you have any further questions regarding this plan modification, please do free to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Brown.

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